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Patent Application of Roger Loria

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Title: 5-ANDROSTENE-3 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ -DIOL AS AN INHIBITOR OF TUMOR GROWTH

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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This is a Response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 1999. Attached hereto, with check for payment of the appropriate fee, is a Request for Extension of one month to December 27, 1999 (December 26 being a Sunday.)

First, the Applicant would like to thank Examiner Goldberg for the interview accorded his representative on December 13, 1999. The amendments are made in accord with the suggestions of the Examiner.

Please amend the claims in the following manner:

Please cancel claims 1-14 and replace with the following claims:

15. A composition of matter comprising a tumor proliferation inhibiting effective amount of 5-androstene-3 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ -diol or an ester or ether thereof of the formula:

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